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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Sprint's Petition to Open a
Generic Proceeding Concerning U S West
Communication's Rates for Interconnection
Under the Federal Telecommunications Act of
1996.

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 9, 1996, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed a petition with the Commission to open a generic proceeding to examine the costs of US West Communications, Inc. (US West).

On September 19, 1996, The Commission invited comments and reply comments; on October 17, the Commission modified the dates for comments and reply comments. The Commission received comments and/or reply comments from AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., Enhanced Telemanagement, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Telemanagement Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services, MFS Intelenet, Inc., the Minnesota Department of Public Service, the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General - Residential Utilities Division, POPP Telcom, Inc., Sprint and US West.

On December 2, 1996, the Commission issued its ORDER RESOLVING ARBITRATION ISSUES AND INITIATING A US WEST COST PROCEEDING in Docket Nos. P-442, 421/M-96-855, P-5321, 421/M-96-909, and P-3167, 421/M-96-729 (Consolidated Arbitration Order). In that Order the Commission established interim prices for interconnection and unbundled network elements in the territory served by US West. The Commission also initiated a cost proceeding to establish prices to replace the interim prices. In the Matter of a Generic Investigation of US West Communication's Cost of Providing Unbundled Network Elements, Docket No. P-422, 5321, 3167, 466, 421/CI-96-1540 (US West Generic Cost Proceeding).

On February 27, 1997, the Commission noticed all interested persons in this docket that the Commission's staff had recommended closing the present docket, and that the Commission would address this matter on March 3.

On March 3, 1997, the Commission met to consider this matter. No party objected to the staff's

proposal to close this docket.

On March 12, 1997, the Commission issued its NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING in the US West Generic Cost Proceeding, in which it determined that the docket would address US West's cost of unbundled network elements, unbundling, collocation, interconnection, access operational support systems, call completion services, directory assistance, and interim number portability, among other matters.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

As a result of the Commission moving forward with the US West Generic Cost Proceeding, the current docket has been rendered redundant. No party has objected to the staff's proposal to close this docket. Therefore the Commission will close it.

ORDER

1. Docket No. P-466, 421/C-96-1049 is hereby closed.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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